



GLBT News UPDATE

Barry Frank—Romney is “despicable”

Representative Barney Frank tore into Mitt Romney for his anti-Gay positions Tuesday night, calling the presumptive Republican presidential nominee “despicable.”



Frank

in D.C.

Frank took issue with what he said was Romney’s “willingness . . . to switch and become very anti-Gay” after pledging in 1994 to be better on LGBT issues than the late Sen. Edward Kennedy. He also criticized Romney for statements that Frank said “trivialize our marriages.” During a speech in February, Romney said he “fought hard and prevented Massachusetts from becoming the Las Vegas of Gay Marriage.”

Opinions about Gay Marriage have changed

Opinions about Gay Marriage have changed substantially since previous presidential campaigns. Americans have become more liberal on Gay Marriage.

The latest national survey by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, conducted April 4-

15 finds that the public is divided over Gay Marriage: 47 percent favor allowing Gay and Lesbian couples to marry legally, while 43 percent are opposed. In 2008, 39 percent favored and 51 percent opposed Gay Marriage, based on an average of polls conducted that year. In 2004, just 31 percent supported Gay Marriage, while nearly twice as many (60 percent) were opposed.

Moreover, for the first time in a Pew Research Center survey there is as much strong support as strong opposition to Gay Marriage. In the current survey, 22 percent say they strongly support allowing Gays and Lesbians to marry legally; an identical percentage (22 percent) strongly opposes Gay Marriage. In 2008, there was about twice as much strong opposition to as strong support for Gay Marriage (30 percent vs. 14 percent).

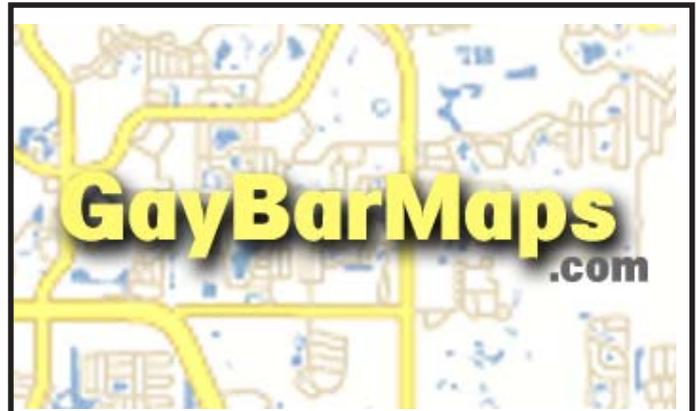
In 2004, when the issue was widely thought to have increased turnout among socially conservative voters in several key states, 36 percent strongly opposed Gay Marriage while just 11 percent strongly favored it. (For more, see Andrew Kohut’s piece in the *New York Times* on the changing politics of Gay Marriage, “The Electorate Changes and Politics Follow,” April 16, 2012.)

The new survey also finds continued majority support for legal abortion: 53 percent of Americans say that abortion should be legal in all (23 percent) or most cases (31 percent); 39 percent say that abortion should be illegal in all (16 percent) or most cases (23 percent).

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Real Estate with Marty

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Many economists predict that 2012 will be the last year overall housing prices decline as the final wave of foreclosures from the slump hit the market.

After that prices should inch up 2% in 2013 and 3% in 2014, according to a consensus of analysts.

Just listed a dream home that would be perfect for one of my readers. This “Enchanted Cottage” is a 2 bedroom 1 bath in prestigious “Park Hills”. Priced way under the average price of homes in the area, this cottage is a 2 story, has a beautiful secluded wooded back yard with a 12x24 deck, all new upgrades and in move in condition. Original kitchen cabinets from the 1950’s to add that extra charm. Neighborhood is

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Till next week, take care and be safe.

Partnership registry possible in Dayton

DAYTON, Ohio (WDTN) - City Commissioners will hear an ordinance which would create a domestic partnership registry for same and unmarried opposite sex couples.

Couples would have to meet a few qualifications, like being over 18 and sharing a home. They'd then take an oath.

The cost of registering would be \$50.

The registry wouldn't include a residency requirement, so people in surrounding areas and even states could sign up.

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Businesses could then use the registry to help determine if a same or opposite sex partner qualifies for benefits.

2 NEWS asked Lynn Sellers, president of Dayton's Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) group about the registry.

Sellers says while the group really wants to see marriage equality for same sex couples, the registry is a start that could help make the area more welcoming.

“Hospitals, universities, tech businesses, they all want to know that they’re bringing people into an inclusive community,” Sellers says.

City officials stress that registering is optional and that whether businesses use the registry is up to them.

Commissioners won't vote on the ordinance until next week's meeting at the earliest.

This project is conducted by a secret Facebook group called Truth4Time. According to the creator of the group (*whose name shall remain anonymous because he is not a public figure*), Truth4Time is supposed to be a library of anti-Gay articles, blogs, and other materials for its members to use in their fight against the supposed “Gay Agenda.”

Apparently the group has a large list of documents which contains anti-Gay information (*i.e. propaganda*) that members are invited to use. The founder says that the group is supposed to be a sort of a “behind the scenes support system for the religious right. He seems to think that he is on some type of divine mission.....”

Religious Right may use social media

Based upon information received from an anonymous source, there is a project afoot by members of the religious right to strike at the Gay Community via sites like Youtube, Twitter and Facebook.

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Tedd Good joins columnists in our May Print Edition and will focus on politics.

He was a founding member Stonewall Cincinnati. (1982) and former member of Executive Committee Hamilton County Democratic Party. 1986 -1997.



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